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BRIGG, DECEMBER 31ST, 1896.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Report for the year ending December 31st, 1896.

Estimating the population of the District is not simply a matter of taking the excess of births over deaths and adding that on to the population of the year before, allowance has to be made for immigration and emigration. The amount of the former is small, but as in all country districts there is a tendency for the young adult population to move into the towns where they receive higher wages, the latter is always considerable. It is more marked during periods of agricultural depression. Making allowance for all possible sources of error I have

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estimated the population of the whole district at the middle of the year to be 24,205. This shows an increase of 215 since the middle of last year.

I consider this satisfactory.

Population of the Divisions of the District In estimating the population of each of the 20 groups into which, for statistical puposes, I have divided the district. I have to depend on my knowledge of each portion of the district as the returns I receive from the Registrars contain only the total number of births in each of the three Sub-Districts of Brigg, Barton and Winterton. For example, if I find an increase in the population of the Winterton Sub-District, and I know that Ashby is the only Village in that District in which the building of new houses is going on, to any extent, it follows that I must allow most of the increase in the population to that village. Likewise to New Holland and Barnetby in the other Districts.

Births

The total number of Births during the year in the whole district has been 687.

Divided as follows-

	Males.		Females	s.	Total.
Brigg Sub-District	III		104		215
Barton Sub-District	122		127	,	249
Winterton Sub-District	100	• • .	123	• • •	223
	333		354		687
	333		334		007

Birth Rate

The Birth Rate of the whole District was 28.38 per 1000. This is much below the usual Birth Rate of the District, and also lower than the average Birth Rate of the Rural Districts in England, which is about 33 per 1000.

The females born exceeded the number of males by 21. In the Winterton Sub-District this was most marked (see table above).

The total Deaths during the same period— Deaths 315.

Divided as follows-

	Males.		Females.	Total.
Brigg Sub-District	. 50	•••	44 •	94
Barton Sub-District	. 66	•••	62 .	128
Winterton Sub-District	50	•••	43 •	93
	166		149	315

The Death-Rate was 13.0 per 1000. This is Death Rate the lowest Death-Rate recorded during the period of over ten years in which I have been connected directly or indirectly with Sanitary Work in the District as Medical Officer of Health, and as Partner and Deputy to the late Medical Officer. I have also looked up the old Reports but could find none so low. The nearest to it being in 1894, when the Death-Rate was 13.25.

Infant

The Infant Mortality or deaths of Children under one year is 203 per 1000. This is higher than last year, but below the average of English Rural Districts. The actual number of deaths in children under one year was 64.

The principal causes of death in Children Causes of under one year as returned to me are as follows Mortality

Bronchitis and Pneu	monia	•••	11
Diarrhœa	•••	***	6
Dyspepsia	•••	***	7
Marasmus (Wasting)		•••	5
Convulsions	•••	***	21
Premature Birth		•••	7

The greater part of these are what may be termed preventable deaths.

Bronchitis and Pneumonia are for the most part caused by careless exposure and want of attention to clothing.

The deaths from Diarrhœa, Dyspepsia and Marasmus and a large portion of those from Convulsions are caused by improper and ignorant feeding of both mothers and children.

Such a large number of infantile deaths taking place amongst us continually is a very serious matter, especially when we consider that with proper care they might be at least greatly diminished.

Preventable Deaths The preventable deaths in children under one year amounted to nearly 50, in 1896. During the same period the total number of deaths at all ages from all diseases under the Notification Act only reached seven, not one of the seven being under one year old.

The total Births in the District	587
	64
Deaths of Children under one year	04
Preventable Deaths (about)	50
Total Notifications	231
Deaths at all ages from all diseases under	
the Act	7
Deaths in Children under one year	0

Contrasting these figures shows at once in a startling manner the serious waste of infant life always going on in the District.

Technical
Education as
a means
of

For this purpose Technical Education as at present carried out is in my opinion useless. Working mothers of families have no time to

attend lectures. The class of persons who attend are, as a rule, not those who require this education. The few of those who attend to whom it ought to be useful are so wedded to their own ideas that they leave a lecture convinced that they know more about the management of children than the teacher.

Knowing from experience the difficulty of educating mothers of families, in the class I speak of, in Sanitary matters as well as in the management of children, and frequently observing that their bright school-girl daughters took in and remembered all my instructions, I was led to believe that here an opening presented itself (which should not be neglected) through which such knowledge might be imparted as would be the means of saving innumerable lives.

The plan I recommend is that the elder girls some time during their last half-year at school should be taught the simple rules of Health in the house. The danger of infection and the necessity for isolation and disinfection. The management, clothing and feeding of infants.

Surely the School Managers and the Board of Education would not object to allow such necessary knowledge to be imparted in their Schools.

The teacher should be a nurse specially selected for her knowledge and experience of the subject.

If some of the money spent on the ordinary Technical Education could be applied to this purpose, the lecturer could go round giving instruction in all parts of the district. I am

Suggested alt**e**ration confident that in a short time this method would produce a great diminution in the infant mortality.

Dr. Farr in his book on Vital Statistics has shown that each individual member of the community has an actual money value. On his basis the child of an agricultural labourer is worth £5 at birth, £56 at 5 years, £117 at 10, £192 at 15, and £246 at 25 years. Therefore from a monetary point alone the outlay of a few pounds on this object would seem a good speculation. In places such as the slums of large towns where poverty prevents people getting the necessaries of life, of course such lectures would be useless without other aid, but in this District we have few if any such cases.

#### Dangerous Infectious Diseases.

Scarlet Fever

Of the dangerous Infectious Diseases Scarlet Fever, as usual, heads the list with 165 cases.

The Village of Ashby, as was the case last year, having the largest number 57.

Barrow, Goxhill and New Holland coming next with 34.

The rest of the cases were scattered over different parts of the District. The outbreaks have been of a very mild type, only two deaths having occurred in the whole District during the year.

Scarlet Fever is usually a disease of childhood, not as some think because children are more liable to the disease, or that age confers immunity, but that it is an exceedingly infectious malady from which few escape in the earlier

years of life, and as a rule a person does not contract it a second time.

Everyone should know that Scarlet Fever becomes communicable to others as soon as the throat symptoms set in, even before the appearance of the rash, and the infection lasts until the peeling has entirely ceased. It is the most infectious of all diseases and is spread by means of the milk supply, if any infected person has come in contact with it. Clothing, Books, Domestic Animals, especially Cats, as well as by personal contact with the patient suffering from the disease. Looking over some of the old Reports I find that the deaths from Scarlet Fever have diminished, although the number of cases would appear to be about the same. This is brought about by improved sanitation. It is the experience of all authorities on the subject that the more sanitary the district the less virulent will be the epidemics.

Several parts of the District have suffered severely from Measles. Starting in Hull it crossed to New Holland, then to Goxhill, Ulceby, Housham, Cadney and Hibaldstow. Alkborough and other villages suffered to a less extent. I had to close the Infant School at New Holland; the Schools at Goxhill, Kirmington, Cadney, Hibaldstow. Those at Ferriby and Horkstow were closed for the same reason at an earlier date.

Measles

Six deaths occurred from Measles during the Deaths from Measles year. In five of these Measles was the primary cause, but Bronchitis and Pneumonia the actual cause. These again come under the head of preventable deaths. Too much care cannot be

exercised in keeping children suffering from Measles or Scarlet Fever free from exposure to cold air or draughts during the attack or convalescence. They should be kept in a warm room at an even temperature.

Typhoid Fever There were 12 cases of Typhoid Fever during the year, the majority of a mild type. Last year there were also 12 cases.

Deaths from Typhoid Only one death occurred.

There was also one death last year.

In 1894 there was no death. Two deaths in 3 years. This speaks well for the Sanitary condition of the District.

Diphtheria

Diphtheria has been prevalent in various parts of the District, chiefly in those districts where Scarlet Fever was at the same time present. It is possible that some of these cases had Scarlet Fever before medical aid was summoned. The number of cases reported to me was 40; this is a great increase on former years, we have not had so many cases since 1884.

The number of deaths was two, this is a very low mortality, showing the epidemic to have been a mild one.

In 1895, cases 8, deaths 3.

In 1896, cases 40, deaths 2.

Membranous Croup Three cases of Membranous Croup were notified to me, with 2 deaths.

Last year there was one case and one death.

Three deaths out of 4 cases.

Eleven cases of Erysipelas occurred. There was no death from the disease.

Erysipelas

In spite of the fact that we have had an unusual amount of Epidemic Disease, the deathrate has been one of the lowest on record.

General Remarks

This speaks well for the Sanitary condition of the District. Before Sanitary reform reached its present position these Epidemics caused a much higher death-rate than they do at present.

Typhus Fever is now unknown in the District.

Typhoid is much less frequent. As we go on improving Water Supplies and Drainage it will become still less, until at some not distant future time, like Typhus, it will be a thing of the past. Looking at the Zymotic Table will show that we are on the high road to accomplishing this event. Dividing the last 22 years (all recorded) into two equal parts, the Zymotic Deaths are as follows—

Zymotic Diseases

Typhoid Fever	1875 to '85	inclusive,	Deaths	88.
Do.	1886 to '96	do.	do.	37•
Scarlet Fever	1875 to '85	do.	do.	197.
Do.	1886 to '96	do.	do.	64.
Diphtheria	1875 to '85	do.	do.	102.
Do.	1886 to '96	do.	do.	37.
Croup	1875 to '85	do.	do.	40.
Do	1886 to '96	do.	do.	20.
Diarrhœa, &c.	1875 to '85	do.	do.	186.
Do.	1886 to '96	do.	do.	134.
Measles	1875 to '85	do.	do.	53•
Do	1886 to '96	do.	do.	42.

these figures plainly show the splendid results of Sanitation.

The mortality from each of these diseases has been reduced 50 and more per cent., with the exception of Measles and Diarrhæa.

These exceptions exactly prove what I have already stated with regard to them, namely, that Sanitation will not prevent ignorant exposure after Measles, and subsequent death from Pneumonia or Bronchitis. Nor will it prevent the ignorant and improper feeding of infants whose deaths make up over 80 per cent. of those from Diarrhœa.

To reduce the mortality in these diseases we require Sanitation + Education.

Phthisis

The number of deaths from Consumption in the District, during the year, reached the serious total of 22. This is especially serious when we take into account the fact that nearly all these deaths occurred in persons in the prime of life, at an age when their lives are most valuable. The average age at death of these 22 persons being 31 years.

Fourteen were females and 8 males. Phthisis though to a great extent an hereditary disease, is greatly increased by living in damp, badly ventilated, overcrowded houses, where the surrounding subsoil is saturated with water. Proper drainage and improved dwellings always reduce the mortality from this disease.

Cancer

Eighteen persons have died from Cancer during the year in the District, ten females and eight males. This is one of the diseases over which sanitation has no control. The returns from most parts of the Country show an increase in the number of cases of Cancer.

Various theories have been advanced to account for this increase, one of the commonest being that the medical men of the present generation are better able to diagnose this disease than their predecessors.

Increase in Cancer

My own opinion is that a great part of the increase is indirectly due to the improved sanitary condition of the Country. This at first sounds strange, but it is almost equivalent to saying that Sanitation has increased the number of deaths from old age.

Suggested cause of increase

I explain it in the following manner.

Cancer is a disease of middle and advanced life. The greater number of persons that reach middle and advanced life the more deaths we will have from Cancer. Improved Sanitary surroundings enable more persons to reach this age, therefore improved Sanitation is responsible for, at all events, a great part of the increase. As an example, I have at present under observation a person aged 86 years, who has had Cancer for 3 months. If improved Sanitary surroundings have added 3 months to his life (and it is more than likely that such is the case) it has also added one more to the Cancer list.

The deaths under this heading amounted to Injuries, By reason of their accidental and occupation, males are far more liable to accident than females. Therefore we have always a larger number of male than female deaths in this class.

The number of Coroner's inquests held in the Inquests

district during the year was unusually large, amounting to 26. Fourteen of these were in the cases of accident referred to. The remainder were held in cases of sudden death, chiefly in infants and persons of advanced age, where there had been no medical attendance.

Four deaths occurred during child-birth, the Child Birth ages being 30, 33, 34 and 41. This is an unusually large number.

The number of deaths from old age was 60. old age 29 females and 31 males.

The sum of their united ages 4799 years.

The average age at death of males and females taken together, 80 years.

That of males only, 79 years.

That of females only, 82 years.

Two females reached the advanced ages of 93 and 95 years.

Two males reached the advanced ages of 91 and 92 years.

I have taken from other columns 25 deaths Deaths at advanced ages at advanced ages, chiefly from Bronchitis. from other causes united ages 1872 years, or an average age at death of 75 years.

> Taking these with the deaths from old age we have 85 deaths in the District, at the average age of  $78\frac{1}{2}$  years.

In one of the combined Districts, namely, Bot-Bottesford, Holme tesford, Holme and Yaddlethorpe, there has been and Yaddlethorpe no death during the year.

Deaths from

New public Sewers have been laid down at Sanitary Work Hibaldstow, Kirton, Melton Ross, Barnetby, Crosby, Barrow, Burringham, Goxhill, Scawby, Messingham, Ferriby, Alkborough, Normanby, and Burton.

New Sewers are about to be laid down at Sanitary Work Hibaldstow, Barrow, Scawby, Kirton, Flix-about to be commenced borough and Scawby Brook. For particulars see Mr. Bainton's report.

The following is a summary of work done during the year, as taken from the Inspector's Iournal.

House Drainage Improved	•••	93
Water Supply Improved	•••	19
New Buildings Inspected and Wa	ater	
Certificate granted	•••	40
Pigs and Manure Removed		13
Public Sewage Improved	• • •	14
Privies and Ashpits Improved	•••	25
Schools and Out-offices Inspected	•••	IO
Canal Boats Inspected	•••	18
Overcrowding dealt with		2
Lodging Houses Inspected	•••	8
Other Nuisances dealt with	•••	20
Bye-Laws Infringed	•••	2
General Inspection	•••	50
Dairy and Cow Sheds Inspected	(six	
Registered this year)	•••	IO
Summonses taken out (convictions	in	
all cases)	•••	3
Plans allowed	•••	10
Plans disallowed	•••	30
Clerks Orders served	•••	73
Entries in Journal	•••	536

#### New Public Sewers-

Hibaldstow				350	yds. of	9	in.
Kirton				130	do.	9	in.
Melton Ross	;			270	do.	9	in.
Barnetby				460	do.	9	in.
Crosby	• • •			150	do.	9	in.
Burringham				350	do.	9	in.
Goxhill				180	do.	12	in.
Do.		•••		56	do.	9	in.
Do.				266	do.	6	in.
Scawby				12	do.	12	in.
Messingham				50	do.	6	in.
Ferriby				60	do.	6	in.
Alkborough				140	do.	18	in.
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Housham				300	do.	9	in.
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#### Works about to be commenced-

Hibaldstow	•••		.,		350	yds.
Flixborough	•••	• • •	•••		30	yds.
Kirton	•••				4 <b>2</b> 0	yds.
New Holland	• • •		•••		825	yds.
Scawby	•••	•••	•••	• • •	380	yds.
Scawby Brook	• • •					?

The Table of Annual Rainfall, as on other occasions, has kindly been supplied by Mr. Alfred Atkinson, C.E.

I remain, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

GODFREY GOODMAN,

M.O.H.

Table of Annual Rate of Mortality.

Year.	Estimated Population.	Deaths from all causes.	Annual rate of Mortality.
1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1899 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895	26,593 30,000 30,132 29,221 29,000 29,096 29,199 28,569 28,817 29,041 29,503 29,783 30,173 30,655 30,967 31,458 32,083 26,980 26,140 24,987 25,331 23,990	500 570 528 480 414 525 484 477 553 559 462 523 442 462 462 462 504 484 463 409 433 336 350	18·8 19·0 17·5 16·4 15·5 14·2 18·0 16·5 19·0 18·9 15·5 17·3 14·4 14·9 16·0 16·4 18·0 15·6 16·6 16·6
1896	24,205	315	13.0

TABLE OF DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Year,	Small Pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Croup.	Whooping Cough.	Fever, Typhoid, &c.	Diarrhea, Dysen- tery, &c.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Total Deaths from Zymotic Diseases.	Annual Rate of Mortality from Zymotic Diseases.
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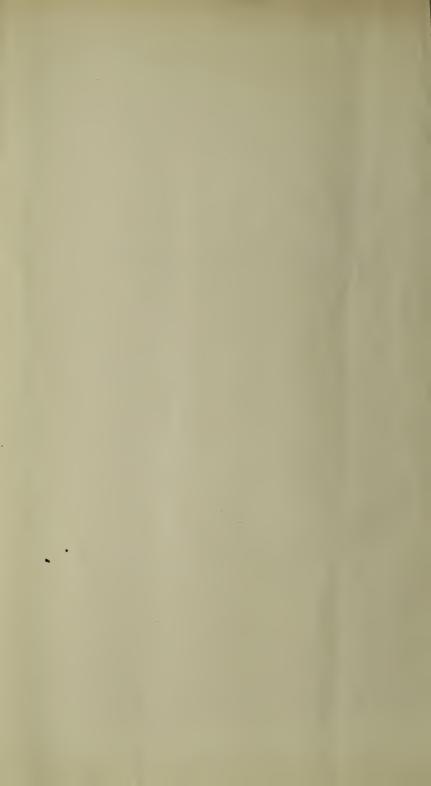


(A).—PART 1.—TABLE OF DEATHS during the half-year ending I union, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and

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(A).—Part 2.—Table Of Deathes during the half-year ending December 31st, 1896, in the Rural Sanitary District of the Glanford Brigg Union, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

	Me	Mortality from all causes, at subjoined ages.	rom all	causes,	at subjo	ined ag	SS.
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Borby, Saxby and Worlaby	18	7	-	:	-	4	10
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## RAINFALL AT BRIGG,

1896.

Month.	Inches, Brigg.					
January February March April May June July August September October November December	0.82 0.60 1.74 0.92 0.77 2.55 2.14 2.23 4.25 6.19 1.23 1.78					
Total	25.22					

ALFRED ATKINSON, C.E.

Brigg, January, 1897.





